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STATE LEGISLATURE

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 18th March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Seizure of copies of " Mathrubhumi Illustrated Weekly."

* 1431 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. Narayana Kurup) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Police seized on 19th February the issues of the " Mathrubhumi Illustrated Weekly ", Kozhikode, Malabar, dated 16th and 30th January and 6th February 1955 ; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Police in Malabar have not seized any of the issues of ' Mathrubhumi Illustrated Weekly ' of Kozhikode referred to."

* 1432 *Q.*—THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this question may be taken up a little later. (Taken up after question No. 1436.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, we shall take it up at the end."

Salaries of village officers of Athanda Kollai.

* 1433 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for withholding the payment of salaries of thotti, thalayari and munsif of Athanda Kollai village in Viruddhachalam taluk for four or five months ;

(*b*) whether the Collector of South Arcot investigated into this matter ; and

(*c*) if so, the orders passed by him?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to Alandarkollai village in the Vriddhachalam taluk. The information available with the Government shows that there has been no case of withholding of salaries of the thotti, talayari or the munsif in that village since April 1954.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" கீழ்த்தர சிப்பந்திகளில் குறைந்த ஊதியம் பெறக்கூடிய தோட்டி. தலையாரி ஆகிய வேலைகள் செய்யக் கூடியவர்கள் பெரும் பாலும் ஹரிஜனங்கள்தான். அவர்களுடைய